



Chimacum christening

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of christening our third Olympic Class ferry, *Chimacum*, in a traditional bottle-breaking ceremony. Gov. Jay Inslee, Secretary of Transportation Roger Millar, Bremerton Mayor Patty Lent, and Vigor CEO Frank Foti joined me to mark the occasion. It was also great to have the Chimacum High School marching band join us in the festivities!

We are excited to welcome the *Chimacum* to our fleet. The 144-car car ferry will begin its sea trials in early 2017 and will start carrying passengers on the Seattle/Bremerton route next spring.

None of this would have been possible without WSF's incredible new vessel construction team that has worked day in and day out to make sure *Chimacum* is ahead of schedule and under budget. I would like to recognize Project Engineer Ron Wohlfrom, Inspector Dale Marty, Inspector Eric Grimes, Inspector Mel Helley, Inspector, Doug Lee, Construction Master Greg Sugden, *Chimacum* Staff Chief Engineer Shane Kelly, and *Suquamish* Staff Chief Engineer Bob Wolken for their commitment.

Here are some of my favorite photos from the day. Check out our [Flickr page](#) for more.

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Fall sailing schedule

The fall sailing schedule starts this Sunday, Sept. 18! Look out for the purple schedules at terminals and on the vessels. The schedule can also be found on our [website](#).



Customer Kudos

"This is a commendation for Eddie [Smith, Ordinary Seaman] and other crew: I had an ankle injury just before boarding. My husband checked the crew office to see if some ice was available. Eddie brought us a wheelchair and icepacks. He then contacted the Seattle terminal to bring a wheelchair to the dock. Eddie and his associates were very helpful, congenial and efficient. It made a lot of difference and saved me



The WSF project team (at left) stands with Gov. Jay Inslee, Transportation Secretary Roger Millar, Bremerton Mayor Patty Lent, Vigor CEO Frank Foti, shipyard workers and me following the event.



The Chimacum High School marching band opens the event with a celebratory song.



from further injury to the fractured ankle. This is an example of really well-trained and capable crewmen. We certainly appreciate the very real difference it made for my health and safety. We thank you very kindly for your excellent service."

- Seattle/Bainbridge customer

Gov. Inslee addresses the crowd.



The bottle broke and the Chimacum is officially christened.



*Signal flags along the railing spelled out the name
"Chimacum."*

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